

LOCAL MATTERS.

A Word to Advertisers.

The holiday season is near at hand and we would advise all who propose advertising their wares to begin at once. It is an erroneous idea to wait until the rush commences before making announcements. People in the country are now looking for advertisements in order to make their purchases, and within a week or so will be here to make them. Therefore your advertisement effective you must be in time. Country people always enquire for those whose advertisements they have read.

The Weather Probabilities. Dec. 18, 1881.—For the Middle Atlantic States warmer fair weather, northwesterly shifting to southwesterly winds and lower pressure.

A Pleasant Affair.—The reception tendered Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Smart, at the residence of C. C. Smart, Esq., last night, was a most enjoyable affair. The youth and beauty of the city were well represented. At the conclusion of a most pleasant evening the guests were invited to the dancing of an elegant and substantial collection. Mrs. J. C. Smart's reception of the guests was of her many friends in a dark, navy blue suit, shirred in front and trimmed with lace. She was assisted by Miss Frances Smart, who wore a pale blue dress. Among the fair ones who graced the occasion with their presence were Miss Wheelwright and Miss Wirt, from Washington; from this city the Misses Mendenhall and Mary Smart, Miss Edna Smyth, the Misses Kline, Miss Lillian Mendenhall, Miss Brown, Miss Woodford, Mrs. Burgess, Mrs. Windsor and many others. Among the gentlemen present were Messrs. Gregory, Windsor, Ryan, Wheat, Whitson and Harry Smart, Perry, Buck and Leonard Mendenhall, Carter, Eldridge, Green, Under, McLean, Schaff and Robert and Clarence French.

DISORDERLY SEAMEN.—Louis B. Jinks and Charles Hester, sailors on board the schooner Eliza Gibbs, Capt. J. H. Wood, loading coal at the American Coal wharf, in this city, last night, and came up in the city and got drunk. They returned to the schooner about 2 o'clock in the morning, and in violation of orders, left the schooner about 2 o'clock. Captain Wood informed the police authorities that two of his men had deserted, and requested their arrest. The two men were arrested about 10 o'clock, and locked up. Upon promising to return to duty they were taken to the vessel by Officer McCann, who was accompanied by five dollars for the captain for his services. As soon as the officer departed the two men were released and went to the vessel for their things. Officers were sent for and the men were arrested and taken to the station for further proceedings.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.—A meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Alexandria County was held at the old court house Wednesday, with William A. Rowe in the chair. After reading the minutes of the previous meeting, W. C. Wilcox, up to December 1, 1881, the Superintendent of the county poor was ordered to enter into a contract with H. S. Johnson for supplying the poor with groceries for the quarter ending March 31, 1882.

Resolutions of respect to the memory of the late President, of sympathy for his bereaved family and of honoring the clerk of the Board, Benjamin Adams, to request the Secretary of War to have inscribed on the remaining pillar of the entrance of the National Cemetery, at Arlington, the name of James A. Garfield, who was a resident of this county, as a testimonial of the honor of the many noble qualities displayed by him in his short, but eventful life, were adopted.

POLICE NOTES.—There was but little of note at police headquarters this morning. Only one prisoner was before the Mayor—a young man who was charged with larceny. He was given some good advice and freed. He paid the fine, thanked the Mayor for his leniency, and left the station house with his mind made up, so he said, "to do no more."

Lewis M. Jinks and Charles Hester, deserters from the schooner Eliza Gibbs, were locked up until this afternoon, when they were released, the vessel being ready to sail.

Mrs. Ann McManis, of Washington, was arrested this afternoon, charged with stealing a diamond ring from the house of Thomas McDermott. She was locked up for examination. Alfred Arlington was also arrested this afternoon and locked up for hearing his wife.

PREPARING FOR CHRISTMAS.—Christmas will soon be here, the little ones are excited, and the churches and Sunday schools, and the people generally are busy engaged making preparations for the celebration of the day, and the days following it, which go to make up the festive season, in accordance with the customs which have held in Virginia from the very settlement of the State. The stores of this city, in which are displayed a large and varied stock, are daily thronged with people making their Christmas purchases, and at night King street presents a brilliant and animated scene. For information where to buy the best and the cheapest articles of all kinds, see the advertising columns of the Gazette, where the leading merchants of the city are represented.

FOR CUBA.—The brig John Wesley, loaded with a full cargo of oranges, by Mr. F. A. Reed, cleared this morning from the Custom House, and sailed this evening for Cardenas, Cuba. About two weeks ago Mr. Reed cleared the schooner S. M. Bird, with coopers for the same port. He expects to load another vessel with coopers, and clear it for Cuba by the first of January, which will make three vessels sent out by him during the month of December. A foreign trade is what Alexandria needs, and what some of her merchants, among them Mr. Reed, are striving for. During the last year there were shipped from this city to Europe 600,000 bushels of wheat. Why cannot this amount be greatly increased in 1882?

FOOT BALL MATCH.—There has been a revival of interest this winter among the students of the Episcopal High School, near this city, in foot ball, and a permanent association formed among them for the cultivation of the game, which is generally allowed to be the best game known for cold weather. A match game, the first of the season, is announced to take place on the school grounds at 2 p. m. on Saturday, the 17th, between the Howard team and the first eleven from the Kendall Green Institute in the District.

A GOOD RECORD.—The P. & O. Company's Courier says: Captain John Smith, the well known conductor for so many years on the Manassas Gap Railroad, told us the other day that during the thirty years he served as conductor he never had the blood drawn from a passenger, though he was severely hurt himself. This is a remarkable record and we doubt whether it is equalled in the history of railroads in the world.

PERSONAL.—Judge Thomas George, a son of the late Mr. Isaac George, and a brother of Mrs. Benjamin Thomas, is here on a visit to his relatives. Judge George went from this city to Newburg, New York, many years ago, where, after holding several positions of trust and honor, among them judge of the city court, he removed West. He now visits the home of his childhood, where he still has many friends who will be glad to see him.

and repeated citizens, who were stricken with paralysis about three weeks ago, died at his residence, on Alfred street, between King and Prince streets, last night. Mr. Cowling was thought to be rapidly recovering from the effects of the stroke of paralysis until Saturday morning, when he was visited by a second attack, from which he did not rally.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

Thick ice formed last night, but the weather today, while bracing, has been bright and pleasant.

Two new engines from the North passed over the Virginia Midland Railway this morning for a Southern railroad.

A letter addressed to D. Mayer, New York City, is detained in the postoffice here for want of postage.

A marriage license was issued in Washington yesterday, to Daniel Thomas and Charlotte James, both of Prince Georges county, Md.

It is said that a young man of this city received this morning from a lottery company a check for \$1,500, the amount called for by a ticket he held.

A young people's temperance meeting will be held in the Reform Club room to-morrow evening at 8 o'clock. All interested are invited to attend.

Legislative.

In the Senate yesterday bills were reported for the removal of the disabilities of G. W. Ward, Daniel Tice, W. H. Mitchell, and C. T. Litchfield, of Washington county, incurred under article 1 of the Constitution of Virginia, with reference to duelling.

A bill was introduced on behalf of the Richmond and Danville railroad to pay and discharge two balances of its indebtedness to the State of Virginia on account of the loan made to the company, in the bonds or certificates of indebtedness of the State at par—its follows: One-third of said balance in coupons, one-third in 10-100, the other third in peeler bonds, or at the option of the Richmond and Danville Company, it may pay and discharge the said balance in any or any unpaid part thereof in any bonds of the State which may be issued under any act of the General Assembly, which may hereafter become a law at any time before January 1, 1882.

A joint resolution was adopted for a recess from December 22 to January 4.

A resolution was introduced for the appointment of a joint committee by the Legislature of Virginia to confer with a like committee from the Maryland Legislature in reference to the boundary line between the two States along the Potomac river.

A bill authorizing the Methodist Church at Loudoun, Loudoun county, to sell certain church property was passed.

In the House of Delegates yesterday the principal part of the day was taken up with the discussion of the Rockbridge contested election case, but no action was taken, the hour of adjournment having arrived previous Mr. Farr's remarks.

A resolution was adopted fixing next Wednesday as the time of the election of a judge for the counties of Elizabeth City and Warwick to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of Judge Willis.

A bill was introduced to authorize the Episcopal Church in the city of Richmond to borrow money, and ex parte deeds of trusts to secure the same.

George A. Mashbach, ex-member of the House from Alexandria, was upon the floor of the House yesterday.

Almost Young Again.
My mother was afflicted a long time with rheumatism and a dull, heavy inactive condition of the whole system; headache, nervous prostration, and was almost helpless. No physician or medicine did her any good. Three months ago she began to use Hop Bitters, with such good effect that she seems and feels young again, although over 70 years old. We think there is no other medicine fit to use in the family. A lady in Providence, R. I.—Journal.

"BLACK-DRAUGHT" cures constipation and restores the system.

For sale by R. S. Leadbeater & Co.

PORT OF ALEXANDRIA.

MINIATURES ALMANAC, DEC. 16, 1881.

ARRIVED.

At 10 o'clock, Norfolk, by F. A. Reed.

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Sox-horn Girdles; no grooves required; no small in the house; the glass being cut. Fine Show Boards. A large assortment of pictures, both in oil and water colors; another lot just received. Sent for descriptive circulars.

STANBURY & BROS.,
Cor. King and Washington sts.,
McBurney's Building.

Ready for the Holidays at I. Eichberg's.

You will find this season, the largest variety of Christmas Presents, both cheap and desirable. Call and examine our assortment.

Piano Covers, Table Covers and Stand Covers, in all grades, at I. Eichberg's.

If you want a Good Suit for \$10, \$12, \$15 or \$18 go to the old reliable firm of S. WATERMAN & SON.

All colors and shades of Ribbons from 6 to 10 cents a yard at I. Eichberg's.

If you want a First Class Suit made to order from \$20 to \$50, or fine Overcoat from \$25 to \$50, go to the largest stock of goods in the city, and all garments are made in the store and warranted first class in every particular, as we employ only the best workmen and guarantee a perfect fit. Call and examine our stock before you purchase.

S. WATERMAN & SON.

MEMORANDUM.—What you can buy for a handsome Christmas present at I. Eichberg's: Umbrellas, in Silk, Alpaca and Cambric; Ladies', Misses', Boys' and Men's Gossamers; Braces for girls, boys and men; Satchels, in Velvet and Leather; Towels, Napkins and Table Cloths in silk; Kid Gloves from one to six buttons; Hat cherchiefs, Silk, Linen, Lace and Cotton; Fancy Boxes of Candy, Soap, Toilet; Fancy Boxes containing half a dozen Handkerchiefs; Ladies' Socks, Ulsters and Dolmans; Misses' Ulsters and Coats; Corsets for misses and ladies; and Vests, Gloves and Lace Ties in variety. Our prices are all put down to clear out, and parties looking for valuable and useful presents can be accommodated by

ISAAC EICHBERG.

Full regular mode Misses' Hose, bright and new, at 25c a pair; all Silk Handkerchiefs, large size, for 25c a pair; all sizes in kids just replenished again at 25c a pair; Gent's Socks, all silk, in great variety, at 25c a pair, at I. Eichberg's.

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FLORIDA ORANGES, LEHIGH CITRON AND ZANTER CURRENTS, MINCE MEAT AND PLUM PUDDING.

QUINCE AND PINEAPPLE PRESERVES AND FRUIT JELLIES, in glass and by the lb.

PURE MAPLE SYRUP AND NEW CROP NEW ORLEANS MOLASSES, CANNED FRUITS AND VEGETABLES.

ENGLISH AND AMERICAN PICKLES AND SAUCES in great variety.

FRENCH MIXTURE at 50c per lb and PLAIN CANDIES by the ton.

FINEST VARIETIES FRENCH CANDIES, CONSERVE FRUITS, GLACE FRUITS in fancy boxes, suitable for presents.

FINEST LAYER FIGS, FINEST TABLE AND COOKING SHERRIES, FRENCH AND COOKING BRANDIES.

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